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The reply filed on October 29, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants are requested to elect a "single disclosed species", however, Applicants have selected "the species of alkaline metal and alkaline earth metal", these are considered 2 sub-genus, not a "single species". Applicants are requested to elect only *one ultimate species*, as disclosed on pages 10-11, such as lithium chloride, if the elected species is a double salt or mixtures of two or more thereof, all components of the elected species must be specified, for example, a mixture of sodium chloride and potassium chloride (in this case the mixture is the elected species, not the sodium chloride alone or the potassium chloride alone). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc-Yen M. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1356. The examiner is currently on Part time schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman can be reached on (571) 272-1538. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-93106.

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